

SUMMER VACATION 2012
Alcala University, Spain
Spanish Short Term Program: Intermediate and Advanced level

Program dates: January 9-27, 2012
Application deadline: September 11th 2011

Overview

The Spanish short term program for intermediate and advanced levels will take place in Alcalá de Henares, a beautiful university city. The University of Alcalá, one of the oldest in Europe, was founded by Cardinal Cisneros in 1499. Today the University of Alcalá, located 30 kilometers from Madrid, has 26,000 students and three different campuses.

Alcalingua is the centre of Alcalá University dedicated to teaching Spanish to foreign students. Its activities include different educational aspects: teaching Spanish language and culture, teachers training and Spanish for specific purposes.

Program description

Students will study 60 hours of Spanish in formal classes. There will also be opportunities to practice Spanish within the very active social life of this beautiful University City. The whole experience is a highly cultural one especially staying in homestay arrangements. Students will get a wonderful insight into living in Spain, family life, Spanish traditions, food, music, dance and all the rich cultural activities available in Alcalá and Madrid.

Cultural activities:

- Visit to Madrid and Alcala de Henares
- Community and sport activities

A number of field trips will be available at extra cost.

Student Profile

This program is specifically designed for Spanish language students at Macquarie University.

The short term programs are primarily for students undertaking a study program with a language major at Macquarie University (BA/BIntStud/Dipl.Lang.). Only in exceptional circumstances, students from other faculties who have been studying a language at Macquarie will be permitted to participate, provided the credit they gain from the program can be applied to their degree.

Student Numbers

A maximum of 10 Macquarie students can participate on the course. There will be students from all over the world participating on the program. Macquarie students will be in classes with other students from around the world – class sizes are limited to 20 students.

Outcome

- Advancement of Spanish language skills
- Language immersion in Alcalá de Henares
- Acquirement of credit points towards a Macquarie award program

Timing and Duration of the Program

The course will run over 3 weeks. Students are not permitted to arrive late nor leave early and are expected to attend all classes during the period if they want to pass the course and obtain credit for their studies in Spain.

Students should plan to arrive in Madrid at least 2 days earlier to arrange accommodation in Alcalá de Henares to avoid jetlag before starting their studies. It is recommended that students participate in the Three Kings festivities, a traditional public celebration that takes place on 6th January in all cities in Spain.

Assignment and Assessment

Final assessment will be done by Alcalingua, through a final exam on the last or penultimate day of the course. Results will be sent to Macquarie to be able to give you credit for this subject.

Credit

- Students participating in the course will be enrolled in SPN 220 or SPN 320 according to the proficiency in the respective language
- All students must be enrolled for this credit, and standard tuition fees (HECS or full fee) for the enrollment are payable to Macquarie.
- The cost of enrolment at Macquarie is not included in the logistics fee.
- Students cannot enroll themselves into the unit until they have been accepted into the program and a waiver has been entered.
- The results will be recorded as “satisfactory” or “fail” and, provided they pass, will not affect their GPA.

Selection Criteria

- Students must be enrolled in a relevant Macquarie University degree award program at the time of application and also at the time of travel
- Students must have a satisfactory level of academic achievement with an expected Macquarie University GPA of a 2.5 or higher. In exceptional circumstances, students with a GPA of 2.0 - 2.5 may be considered for short term programs only on the advice of the Head of The Department of International Studies. Students should in the first instance contact Carolina Rodriguez carolina.rodriguez@mq.edu.au to outline their case for consideration.
- Students must receive credit points towards their MQ degree for their participation in this program
- Priority will be given to students that are currently enrolled in a degree with a language major at Macquarie University
- Students' eligibility will be assessed according to the guidelines in the Student Mobility Policy. http://www.international.mq.edu.au/goingabroad/important/student_exchange
- Students will be selected to participate in the program based on academic merit, references and personal statement
- Students enrolled in a Certificate in Languages only are not eligible for travel grants
- Students enrolled in non award programs are not eligible to participate in the short term programs

Language students in their first year may participate in an in-country unit without having fulfilled the 18cp requirement on the following conditions:

- They are enrolled in a Bachelor degree program at Macquarie
- They are enrolled in both Semester 1 and Semester 2 units for their chosen language
- They obtain a recommendation from the Department of International Studies
- The short program they are participating in is one that has been specifically designed for students going between 1st and 2nd semester language units
- The program offered is specifically established for a group of students that do not comply with the regular policy. If this is the case, it will be clearly advised in documentation about the program

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Mobility Scholarships

Mobility Scholarships from Macquarie International are intended to assist students in participating in student mobility programs. While the grants will assist in meeting program expenses, they are not intended to cover all costs and cannot be processed on demand. Grants are processed after the pre-departure session, and so applicants may need to be able to meet the costs of the program independently of the travel grant, where a grant cannot be processed in time for travel.

- Eligible students participating in the program will receive a Macquarie mobility scholarship of \$ 2000.
- You do NOT need to apply for the scholarship separately. Those accepted into the program will be assessed automatically.

OS – Help

In the event that you should require additional financial assistance, the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR) has announced the provision of loans to assist Australian students undertake some of their study towards their undergraduate degree overseas. The scheme is known as OS-HELP.

See further information on this link

http://www.international.mq.edu.au/goingabroad/process/accepted_exchange.

Accommodation

Accommodation is organized by Alcalingua and students will be placed in homestay accommodation in Alcalá. Families are selected carefully assuring friendly, comfortable, clean and a safe service. Accommodation with host families includes washing and ironing and room cleaning once a week.

Cost

The Logistics Fee for this program is estimated to be **1,900 AUD**. We expect final fees to be confirmed by the end of September.

This fee includes:

- Access to AVE online program (Aula virtual de Español) for 3 months
- Half board homestay accommodation
- Touristic visit to Alcalá and Madrid
- Materials
- Diploma

Macquarie International will provide:

- Travel insurance
- Pre-departure session
- Lonely planet guide - Spain

Additional costs

1. **\$110** Macquarie short term program application fee. For more information on this fee please visit <http://www.international.mq.edu.au/goingabroad/shortterm/costs>
2. Tuition fee for the Residential unit (SPN 220 or SPN 320) at Macquarie
3. Airfare - \$2000-2500 depending on time of booking
4. Living expenses – approx \$1500 (varies per student taste, entertainment, souvenirs, etc)

How to Pay Relevant Fees

Application Fees and Logistics Fees can be paid in two ways:

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In person

EFTPOS and Credit Card payments can be made, in person, at the MiShop on level 1 of building E3A. Please note that except in extenuating circumstances, it is not possible to make cash payments.

Online

Go to <http://www.international.mq.edu.au/mishop>

Select 'Events for Exchange students' on the left-hand menu. Then, select the International Exchange Program Application Fee and add it to your cart to pay online.

Application Process

The application form is online at: <http://www.international.mq.edu.au/goingabroad/shortterm>.

You will be asked for:

- Your application type ("Student Exchange")
- Your personal details
- Your passport details
- Emergency contact details
- Your current study details
- Your university preferences and the units you hope to study at those universities
- A supporting statement, i.e., why do you want to go on exchange and what qualities do you think you have that will make you a good choice for the exchange program?
- Contact details for two referees

Remember to click the 'Submit' button to submit your application.

It should take around 20 – 30 minutes to complete the application. You can log out and log back in to finish it at a later date if necessary, but please remember to submit it by the deadline.

Evaluation

Students will be required to complete an online evaluation for Macquarie University at the completion of the program. Evaluations must be completed before grades can be transferred from the overseas institution.

Deadline

Student applications are due to Macquarie International by **11th September, 2011.**

Notes for International Students

International students must still comply with Australian visa conditions for class attendance and pass rates whilst overseas – general requirements for international students, as dictated by the ESOS Act, must still be met.

For more information please visit

http://www.immi.gov.au/business-services/education-providers/third_country_exchanges.htm

International students are permitted to travel home before and/or after their program.

Further Information

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